

Division of Early Learning Provider/ Program Spotlight

May 2015 ~ Southeast Children's Fund



Metropolitan Police Department officers visited Southeast Children's Fund on Friday, April 3, 2015 to promote safety. Officers Phillips, Wallace and Leo presented a personal safety lecture to a group of Pre-Kindergarten students. The lecture included slides that displayed equipment and other service devices used by police officers. A short animated film called, "The ABC's of Safety," was shown that addressed the subject matter of strangers, internet safety and 'latch key kid' protocol. The gun safety segment was a truly animated portion of the presentation, which included audience participation.

This activity was facilitated by Ms. Mary Jane Maxwell, a teacher pursuing higher education at the University of the District of Columbia. Ms. Maxwell was tasked by her professor to implement a program that could be sustainable within a community. From this she decided to expand an already existing program to reach our youngest residents of the District in the most violent and underserved section of the city. This event was a huge success.